



“Without asking questions, civilisation cannot exist”  
Socrates, Greek philosopher

If questions safeguard the existence of civilisation, it must be important to understand where questions come from. Questions emerge when we are confronted with situations demanding a reaction or response. A life-threatening situation causes another question than deciding on a birthday gift. So where *do* these questions come from?

Humans developed different behaviour during evolution from being apes to modern day life. The ape and the caveman/woman period followed by civilisation created several behaviour layers still active today, being the source for making questions.

So the question is, do you want the caveman or woman, or the ape being the source for your questions? Not if you understand what type of behaviour they left us with, which in most current day situations is not helpful.

1. The ape period left us with the known Fight, Flight or Freeze & Fear versus Greed behaviour very useful to survive since we were predator food in those times.
2. The cavemen/women left us with the group behaviour between men in a group and woman in a group.
3. Civilization has left us the culture, the norms & values in a group on which others are judged and we correct each other upon.
4. The last layer is consciousness, unclear when it became a layer, but it is used to make questions and is not influenced by the other layers.

These 4 layers shown below including the questions coming from each layer when confronted with information or situation.

Behavioural	Layers	Questions
• Conscious	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self confident</li> <li>• Freedom</li> </ul>	Is the information presented correct? What is the other side of the story, I've been told?
• Civilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceptance</li> <li>• Culture</li> </ul>	Which response keeps me aligned with the group? What would others say and do?
• Caveman/ woman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Group</li> </ul>	How do I keep my parents, spouse and children save? Is there any way I can help?
• Ape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fear</li> <li>• Survival</li> </ul>	What do I have to do to survive? Am I going to dye?

Which questions have you asked yourself lately?